Coalition for Open Government (New Zealand) : Records

Summary

Title: Coalition for Open Government (New Zealand) : Records

Reference Number: MS-Papers-3939

Origination:

Name	*Role*
Coalition for Open Government (N.Z.)	Creator
Powles, Guy Richardson (Sir), 1905-1994	Contributor
Smith, Mike, active 1980s-1990s	Contributor
Graham, Alistair, active 1980s	Contributor
Sarr, Patricia, 1946-	Contributor
Johnston, Keith, 1955-	Contributor

Date(s): 1979-1984

Extent:

Quantity	*Type*	*Details*
130	folder(s)	
2.5	Linear Metres	

Level: Collection

Repository: Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand

Access and Use

Access Statement: No access restrictions

Details

Biography or History: The Coalition for Open Government (COG) operated from Wellington between 1979 and 1984 as a pressure group on the government

Acquisition Information: Donor/Lender/Vendor - Donated by COG, Wellington, 1985.

Other Descriptive Data: Source of title - Supplied title

Other Finding Aid: Inventory available

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Freedom of information
Pressure groups
Civil rights movements
New Zealand - Politics and government
New Zealand. Clutha Development (Clyde Dam Empowering) Act 1982
New Zealand. National Development Act 1979

Types of Material: Manuscripts

Related Items

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1 Agenda and notes. 4 May-3 Dec 1984. Coalition for Open Government (New Zealand) : Records (MS-Papers-3939). [Series]
2 Domestic correspondence. Sep 1979-Dec 1984. Coalition for Open Government (New Zealand) : Records (MS-Papers-3939). [Series]
3 General domestic. 1980-1984. Coalition for Open Government (New Zealand) : Records (MS-Papers-3939). [Series]
4 National development and Think Big. 1979-1984. Coalition for Open Government (New Zealand) : Records (MS-Papers-3939). [Series]
5 COG official information. 1977-1984. Coalition for Open Government (New Zealand) : Records (MS-Papers-

S E R I E S D E S C R I P T I O N S

SERIES ONE: AGENDA AND NOTES

These cover the period 4 May to 3 December 1984, and comprises two yellow plastic-bound folders, each holding one unlided notepad. The pads are bound at the top but many pages have come loose. Some of these loose pages have been placed at the front and back of the folders, not necessarily in chronological order.

The folders contain handwritten agendas of weekly meetings that have been annotated so the they appear to also function as minutes.

Most are dated, but some only record day and month.

SERIES TWO: DOMESTIC CORRESPONDENCE

The papers in this series cover the period September 1979 to December 1984.

Some files contain mainly correspondence from supporters,mention of their donations, and the replies to them. Others are concerned with the major issues that COG was involved with and include a high proportion of other material such as submissions, copies of press statements and address lists.

The files overlap chronologically and have been retained in their original format.

Despite this diversity it is clear that COG ran the files as correspondence files, and labelled them accordingly.

Of particular interest is correspondence by Sir Guy Powles on the Freedom of Information Act.

SERIES THREE: GENERAL DOMESTIC

Six files cover the period from 1980-1984. The contents consist of a variety of material which COG evidently considered as being connected with the operaitons of the office, and which they labelled 'domestic.'

The different files are concerned with such things as the setting up of the Development Information Group, rent and office, the Communicator award 1983 and general administration of COG.

SERIES FOUR: NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THINK BIG

Covering period from 1979-1984, it includes two photocopies from 1971 and one from 1976.

Subjects included are general energy projects, LPG Enpowering Legislation 1983, National Development Bill 1979, National Development Amendment Bill 1981, Clyde Dam Empowering Bill 1982, Waikato Coal, Aluminium Smelter and Operation Power Poll, and Motunui Outfall 1983.

The material consists of press clippings, news releases, leaflets, newsletters, speech notes, parliamentary papers, submissions, correspondence, periodicals, graphs and reports.

SERIES FIVE: COG OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Official information was one of the main concerns of COG, and this series covers the period 1977-1984.

It includes material on the general issue of Freedom of Information, the Official Information Act, the Devaluation Inquiry 1984, and the Opening of the Books.

There are conference and seminar notes, correspondence, newspaper clippings, press releases on Freedom of Information and background material from 1977 onwards.

SERIES SIX: SIR GUY POWLES

Contains miscellaneous background material including legislative acts collected by Sir Guy from 1973-1978 on freedom of information in New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

It includes submissions to the Danks Committee on the freedom of information.

Notes on original folders include Sir Guy Powles name and 'Return to COG'.

SERIES SEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

This includes material on Parliamentary Determination, Education Core Curriculum Review, and Broadcasting covering the period 1977-1984.

There are newspaper clippings, photographs, handwritten notes, journals, etc.

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